

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been divided into Groups as follows:

- Group I: Claims 1-6, drawn to methods of making a composition comprising a transducing peptide and a cargo, wherein the transducing peptide is not 16-30 amino acids residues in length comprising a hydrophobic domain containing 3 to 5 tryptophan residues and at least one Trp-Trp pair, alternating with glutamic acid and threonine residues, and a hydrophilic domain containing 4 or 5 consecutive basic residues;
- Group II: Claims 7-9, drawn to a composition comprising a transducing peptide and a cargo, wherein the transducing peptide is not 16-30 amino acids residues in length comprising a hydrophobic domain containing 3 to 5 tryptophan residues and at least one Trp-Trp pair, alternating with glutamic acid and threonine residues, and a hydrophilic domain containing 4 or 5 consecutive basic residues; and
- Group III: Claims 10-15, drawn to a method of introducing a cargo into a living cell in culture comprising contacting said living cell with a composition comprising a transducing peptide and a cargo, wherein the transducing peptide is not 16-30 amino acids residues in length comprising a hydrophobic domain containing 3 to 5 tryptophan residues and at least one Trp-Trp pair, alternating with glutamic acid and threonine residues, and a hydrophilic domain containing 4 or 5 consecutive basic residues.

Applicants elect, without traverse, Group II, Claims 7-9 (drawn to a composition comprising a transducing peptide and a cargo, wherein the transducing peptide is not 16-30 amino acids residues in length comprising a hydrophobic domain containing 3 to 5 tryptophan residues and at least one Trp-Trp pair, alternating with glutamic acid and threonine residues, and a hydrophilic domain containing 4 or 5 consecutive basic residues), for examination.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

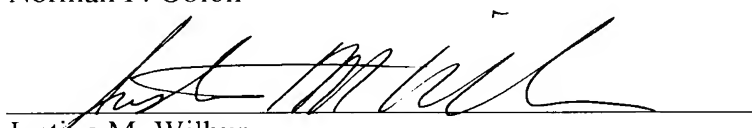
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